(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the demand of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) During 1993- 94, 12.4 lakh new connections were provided in the country against the annual target of 11.0 lakh whereas in Punjab 59008 new connections were provided against the target of 51000 during the year 1993-94.

During 1994-95, a target of 14 lakh new telephone connections has been fixed for the country including 70500 for Punjab.

(c) As regards expansion of telephone facilities, the department of telecom has formulated 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) which envisages addition of 75 lakh new telephone connections in the country out of which 396700 lines in Punjab. However, National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages to provide telephone connections on demand by 1-4-1997. Plans are being drawn accordingly to meet the objectives.

**Revenue Earned from Telephone, Post and Telegraph Services**

1936. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total revenue earned through telephone, post and telegraph services in the country during the last three years ; and

(b) the details of the amount spent for the development of these services during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The total revenue earned through Telephone, Post and Telegraph (including Telex) services in the country during the last three years is as follows :—

(In crores of Rs.)

| Year | Telephone | Post | Telegraph (including Telex) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 . | 4708.44 | 947.87 | 272.80 |
| 1992-93 . | 5910.50 | 1073.90 | 272.11 |
| 1993-94 . | 8017.60 | 1105.17 | 260.06 |

(b) The details of the amount spent for the development of these services during the aforesaid period are :—

(In crores of Rs.)

| Year | Telephone | Post | Telegraphs (including Telex) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 . | 3347.40 | 38.80 | 53.07 |
| 1992-93 . | 4544.96 | 61.13 | 60.77 |
| 1993-94 . | 5495.44 | 66.09 | 85.04 |

**Post Offices in the Villages in Madhya Pradesh**

1937. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have done any survey in Madhya Pradesh regarding the villages which do not have Post Offices at present ;

(b) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof ;

(c) by when Government propose to open Post Offices in all the villages of Madhya Pradesh ; and

(d) whether Government propose to make available mobile post offices in such villages of the State for the time being to cater to the postal needs of villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) There is a system of carrying out regular survey by inspecting staff of post office. Out of 76,220 villages in Madhya Pradesh, 10,078 villages are having post offices and 66,142 villages are without post offices.

(b) District-wise number of villages with and without post offices are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) At present, there is no plan to open post offices in all the villages in Madhya Pradesh, However, it is targetted to open 9 extra departmental branch post offices and 8 sub post offices in Madhya Pradesh, during the current financial year. No time limit can however be indicated for opening of post offices in villages of Madhya Pradesh as post offices are being opened annually according to the Plan targets on the fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of resources.

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

*District-wise number of villages with and without Post offices in Madhya Pradesh.*

| Sl. No. | Name of District | No. of villages with post office | No. of villages without post offices |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bhopal | 61 | 481 |
| 2. | Chhatarpur | 202 | 990 |
| 3. | Panna | 144 | 904 |
| 4. | Tikamgarh | 167 | 806 |
| 5. | Sagar | 180 | 1901 |
| 6. | Damoh | 171 | 1228 |
| 7. | Hoshangabad | 218 | 1336 |
| 8. | Narsinghpur | 170 | 911 |
| 9. | Vidisha | 148 | 1476 |
| 10. | Raisen | 192 | 1317 |
| 11. | Guna | 178 | 2087 |
| 12. | Shivpuri | 207 | 1252 |
| 13. | Gwalior | 141 | 635 |
| 14. | Datia | 86 | 359 |
| 15. | Sehore | 146 | 926 |
| 16. | Rajgarh (Biaora) | 142 | 1594 |
| 17. | Indore | 107 | 538 |
| 18. | Dewas | 153 | 981 |
| 19. | Dhar | 193 | 1378 |
| 20. | Khandwa (East Nimar) | 197 | 871 |
| 21. | Khergone (West Nimar) | 280 | 1891 |
| 22. | Mandsaur | 279 | 1482 |
| 23. | Murena | 237 | 1169 |
| 24. | Bhind | 234 | 699 |
| 25. | Ratlam | 154 | 923 |
| 26. | Jhabua | 154 | 1203 |
| 27. | Ujjain | 160 | 975 |
| 28. | Shajapur | 159 | 965 |
| 29. | Raipur | 549 | 3484 |
| 30. | Jabalpur | 304 | 2096 |
| 31. | Bilaspur | 506 | 2994 |
| 32. | Shahdol | 260 | 1846 |
| 33. | Sidhi | 181 | 1701 |
| 34. | Raigarh | 407 | 1837 |
| 35. | Surguja | 264 | 2168 |
| 36. | Chindwara | 250 | 1734 |
| 37. | Betul | 206 | 1200 |
| 38. | Rewa | 310 | 2415 |
| 39. | Satna | 265 | 1775 |
| 40. | Balaghat | 209 | 1179 |
| 41. | Mandla | 205 | 1955 |
| 42. | Seoni | 183 | 1430 |
| 43. | Bastar | 553 | 3327 |
| 44. | Durg | 277 | 1544 |
| 45. | Rajnandgaon | 199 | 2179 |

**स्मारक डाक टिकटों का जारी किया जाना**

1938. **श्री. अजीत जोगी** : क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का यह नीतिगत निर्णय है कि किसी महान व्यक्ति की याद में कोई स्मारक डाक-टिकट सामान्यतः उनकी 10वीं/25वीं/50वीं 100वीं पुण्यतिथि अथवा जन्मशती के अवसर पर जारी किया जाता है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह निर्णय कब से प्रभावी होगा ;

(ग) क्या उपर्युक्त निर्णय के संबंध में अब तक कोई अपवाद भी हुए हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**संचार मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री सुखराम)** :

(क) और (ख) जी हां । वर्तमान नीति यही है ।

(ग) और (घ) विनिर्दिष्ट वर्षगांठों/जन्म शताब्दी के अलावा अन्य अवसरों पर भी अर्थात् सभी संबद्ध पहलुओं पर विचार करने के बाद स्मारक/विशेष डाक-टिकट जारी किए गए हैं ।

**Norms for Locations of Mail Boxes**

1939. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the methods of norms to identify the location for providing mail boxes;

(b) whether these norms are observed; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not providing mail boxes at Railway Stations and S. T. Stands in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Letter boxes in urban areas are normally provided in central locations, keeping in mind factors like density of population, public requirement and a minimum distance of 1 Km. from the nearest letter box. In rural areas they are planted near places of general importance at a central point in the village so as to be of maximum advantage to the public. Government's objective is to provide the facility of letter box in every village with a population of 500 and above in the 8th Plan.

(b) and (c) The above guidelines are being kept in mind when planting letter boxes. In Maharashtra, 856 villages with